

Mike's Story

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< Michael + Rozalind Thériault



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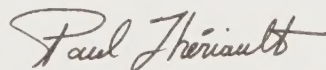
I am pleased to present you with the 1993 Bliss Book, *Mike's Story*. This story has originated from several interviews with my 10 year old son Micheal over a two-month period. We began discussing the story while attending a summer picnic. Mike settled upon the final form during the captivating 1992 World Series. This you will readily appreciate from the tone of his story. I am also pleased to include sketches made by my youngest daughter Rozalind who, while not being a baseball fan, is nevertheless very fond of experimenting with drawings.

It has been a few years since my last publication, and I would be appreciative if you would drop me a line informing me of the number of books you now need. I will certainly try to accommodate you, but please note that these books are reproducible.

This has been my most enjoyable effort in terms of story-translations because of the pleasure derived from Michael and Rozalind's creations. Now I hope to pass that enjoyment on to all Bliss users, instructors and parents.

Best wishes for the new year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Theriault". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Paul A. Theriault

STORY BY:

Michael Paul Theriault - Age 10



ILLUSTRATIONS:

Rozalind Lane Theriault - Age 7



BLISS TRANSLATION:

Dad - Age ?

This is the story of a little

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boy who had a very big "dream." Mike wanted




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to become a baseball player.

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Every day he practised and practised many hours.



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He practised his hitting and catching.

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One day he "tried out" for the

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team. The "coach" watched all the

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boys and girls carefully. After a "long" practice

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he chose 12 players .

Mike wasn't

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chosen. He was sad.

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The next day Mike decided to work all summer

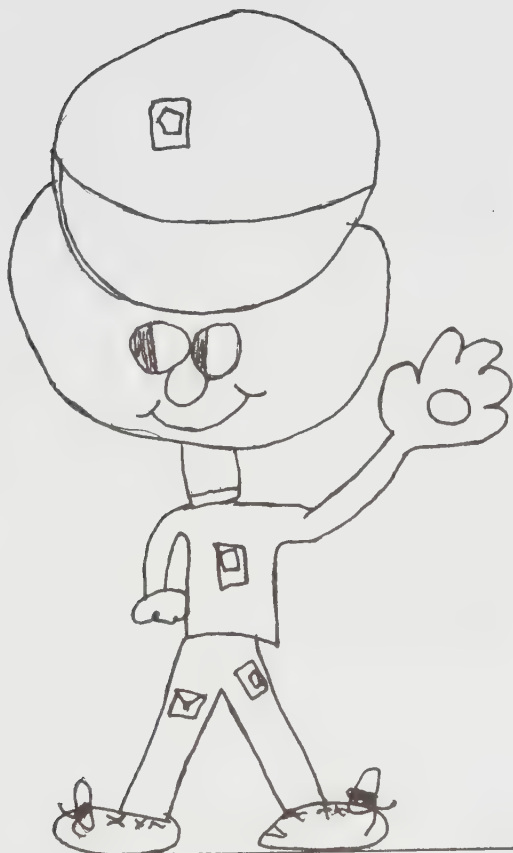
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and all winter using his bat, his

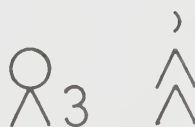
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ball and his mitt.

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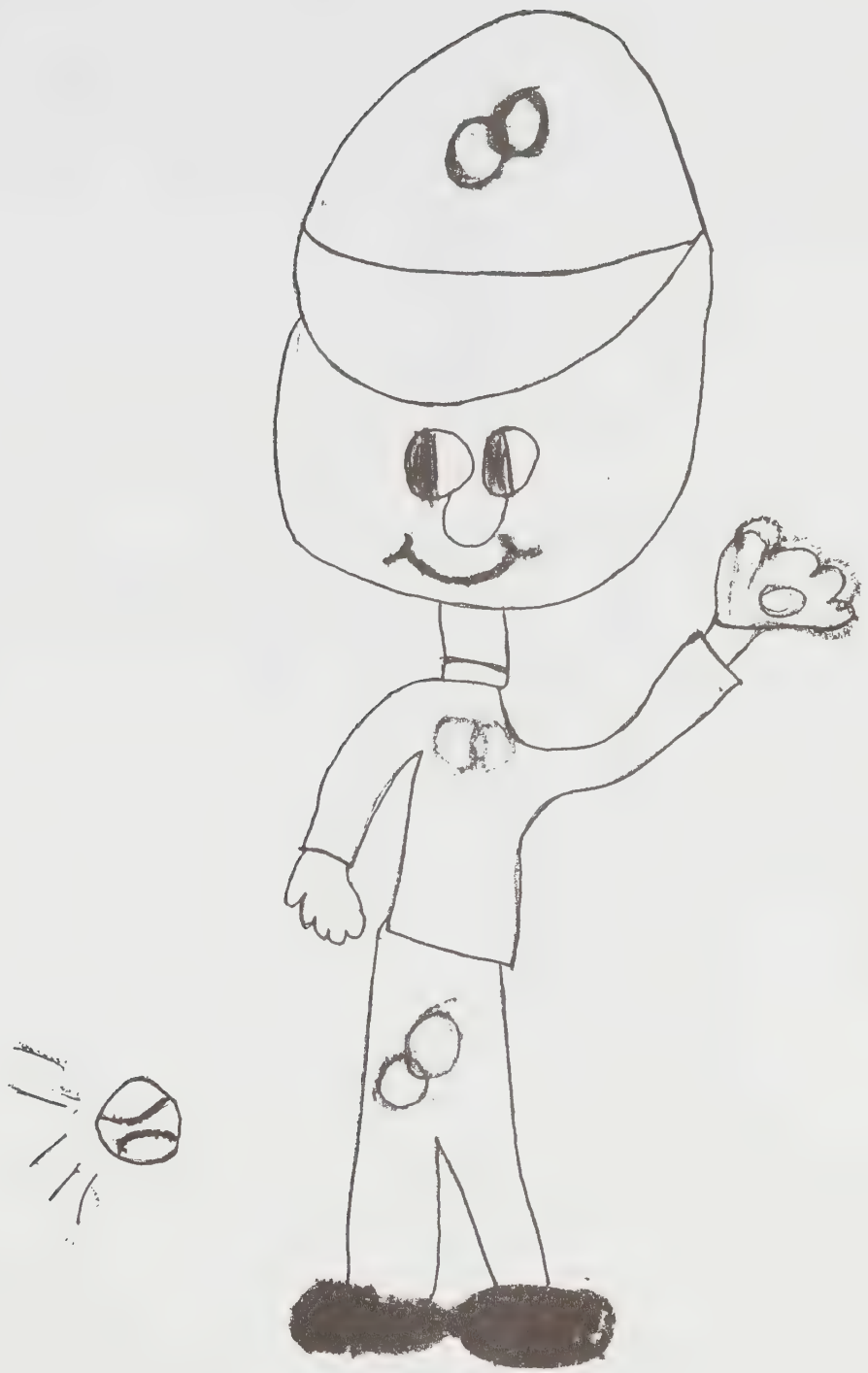


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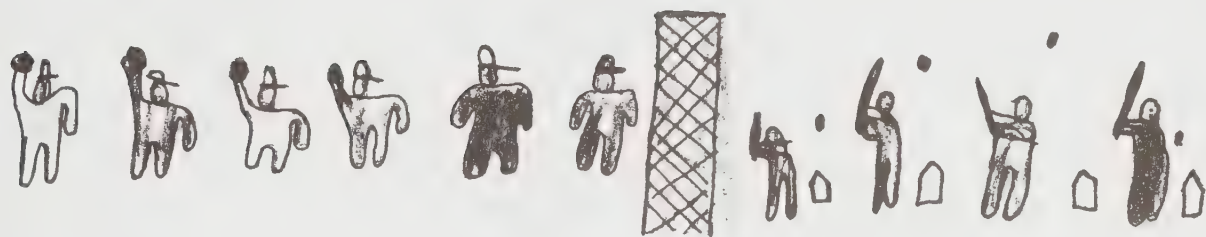
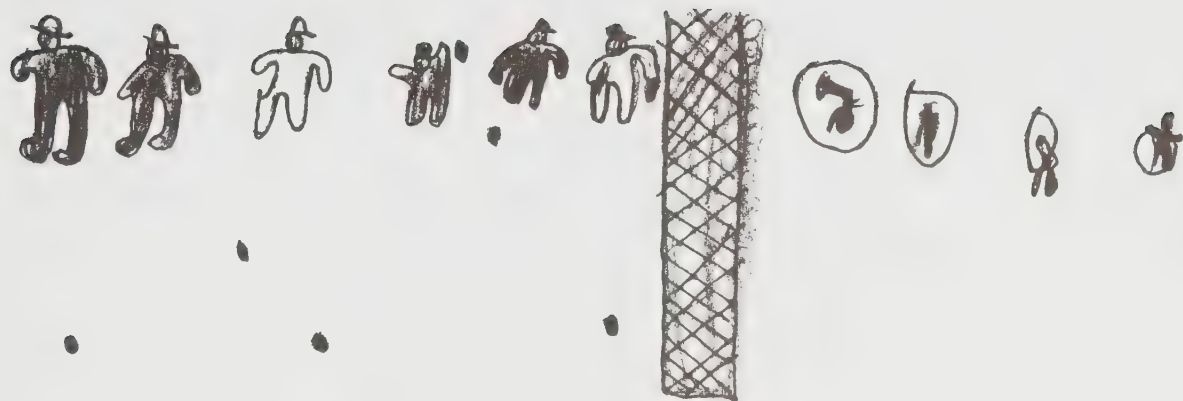
and worked .





The "following" spring he felt ready .

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Again he went with the boys and girls to the



field. Mike worked well, but "once more" they



chose other children. He felt frustrated.

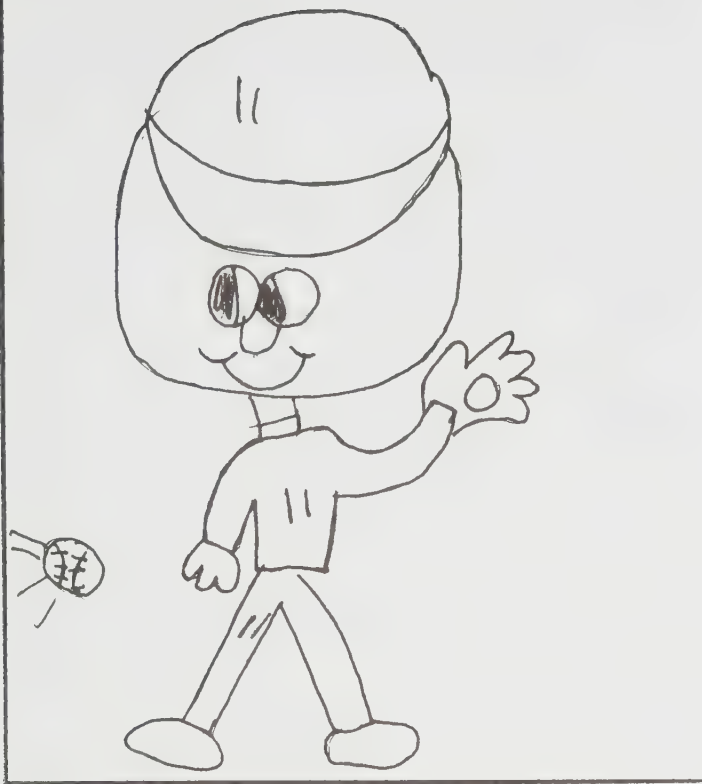
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He didn't forget his "dream".

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Mike quickly returned to the field for practice.

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He worked "for"

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"another" summer

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and "another"

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long winter.

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Many friends said his hitting and catching

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were becoming better.

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After the third practice the unexpected happened.

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The previous coach became ill. A

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new person came. She watched the players

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carefully (for) 3 days. After 3 days she gave

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her decision, and Mike was finally

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a part of the team! He was "thrilled."

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Mike played with the team many

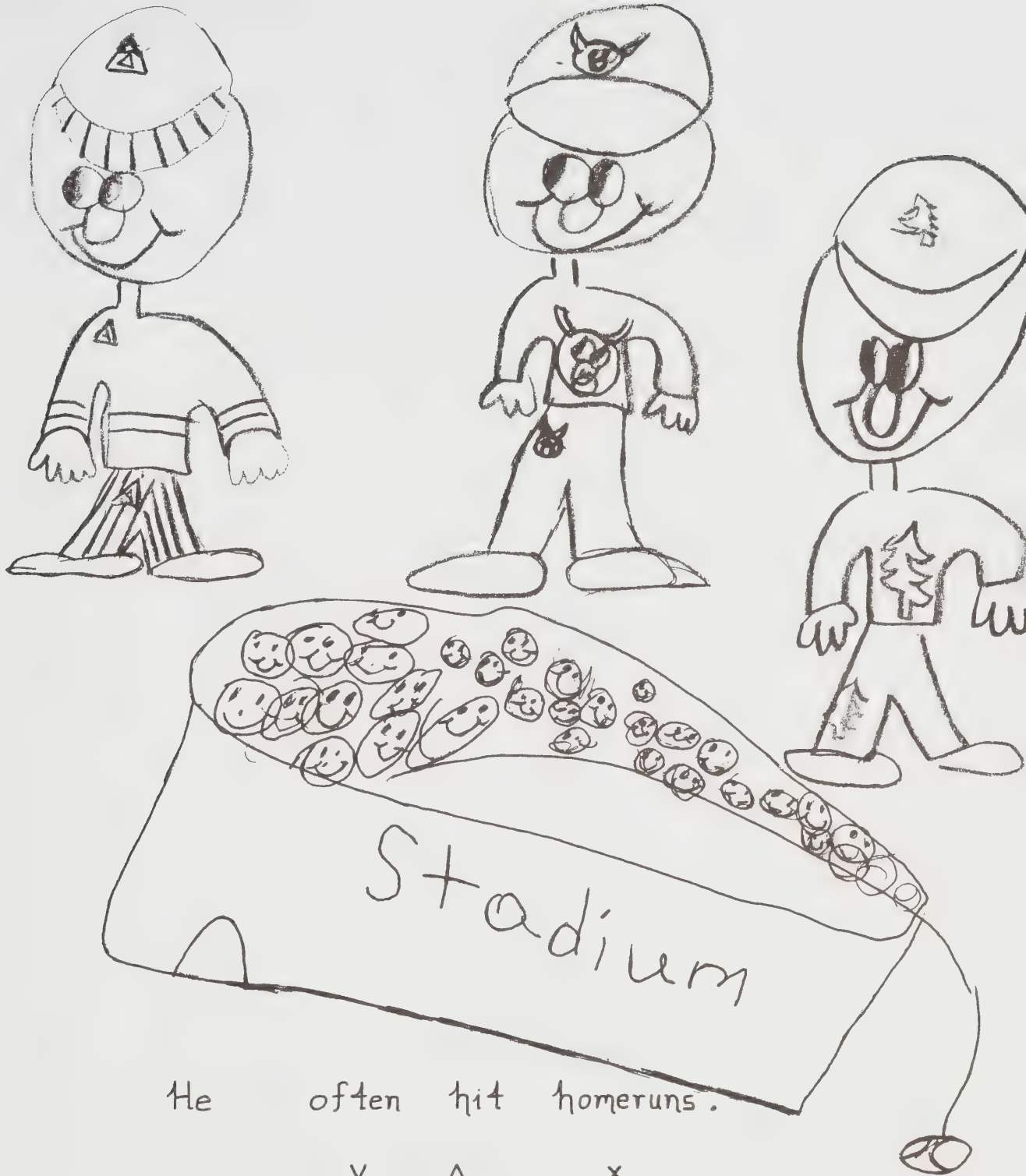
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summers. He played with many different

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teams "as" he became older.




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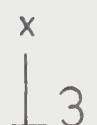



He often hit homeruns.

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One day he sat in a big gym with

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his friends. They wanted to know who

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would be chosen to play with the professionals.

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Some friends were "drafted" by the Montreal

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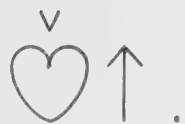
team; some, by Baltimore; and some,

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by Pittsburgh. Mike shared their

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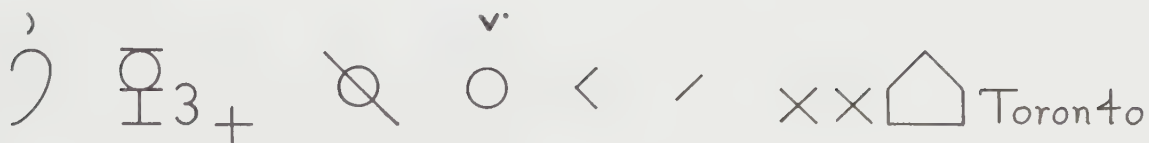
joy .



Suddenly Mike received a big surprise . He



heard his name called by the Toronto





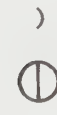
"Blue Jays". Mike jumped up and down and hugged

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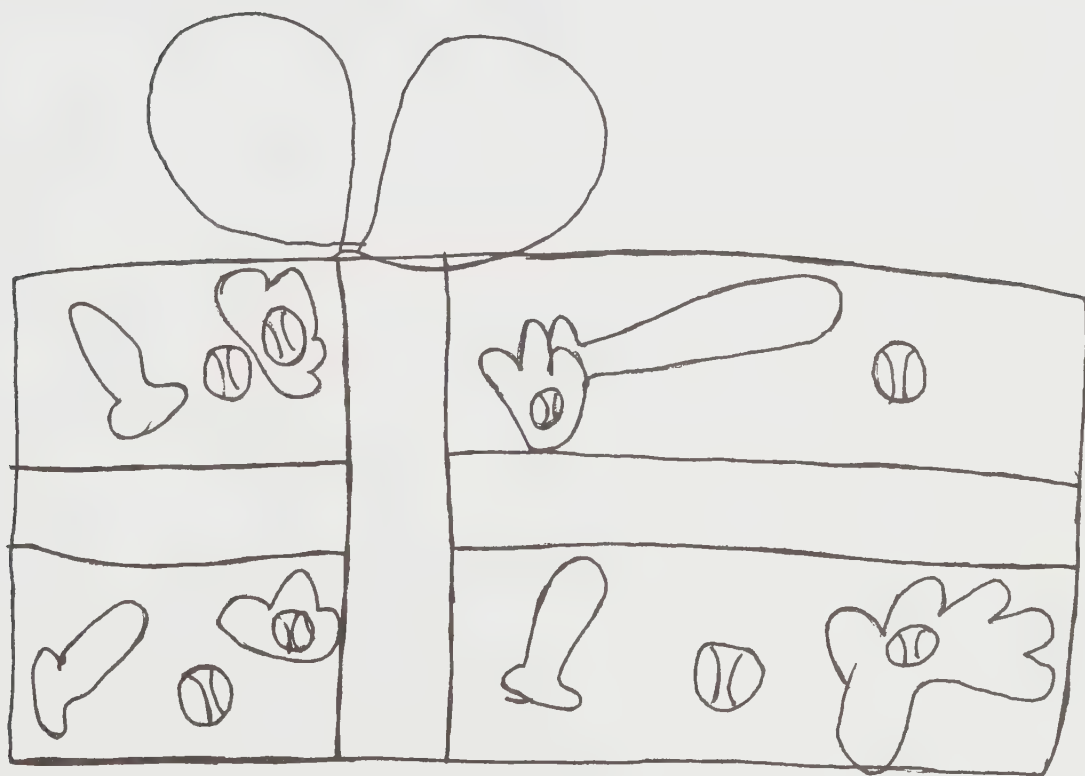
his friends. All (of) his family

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and friends were smiling. This was a

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special birthday gift .



Today Mike continues to play and hit

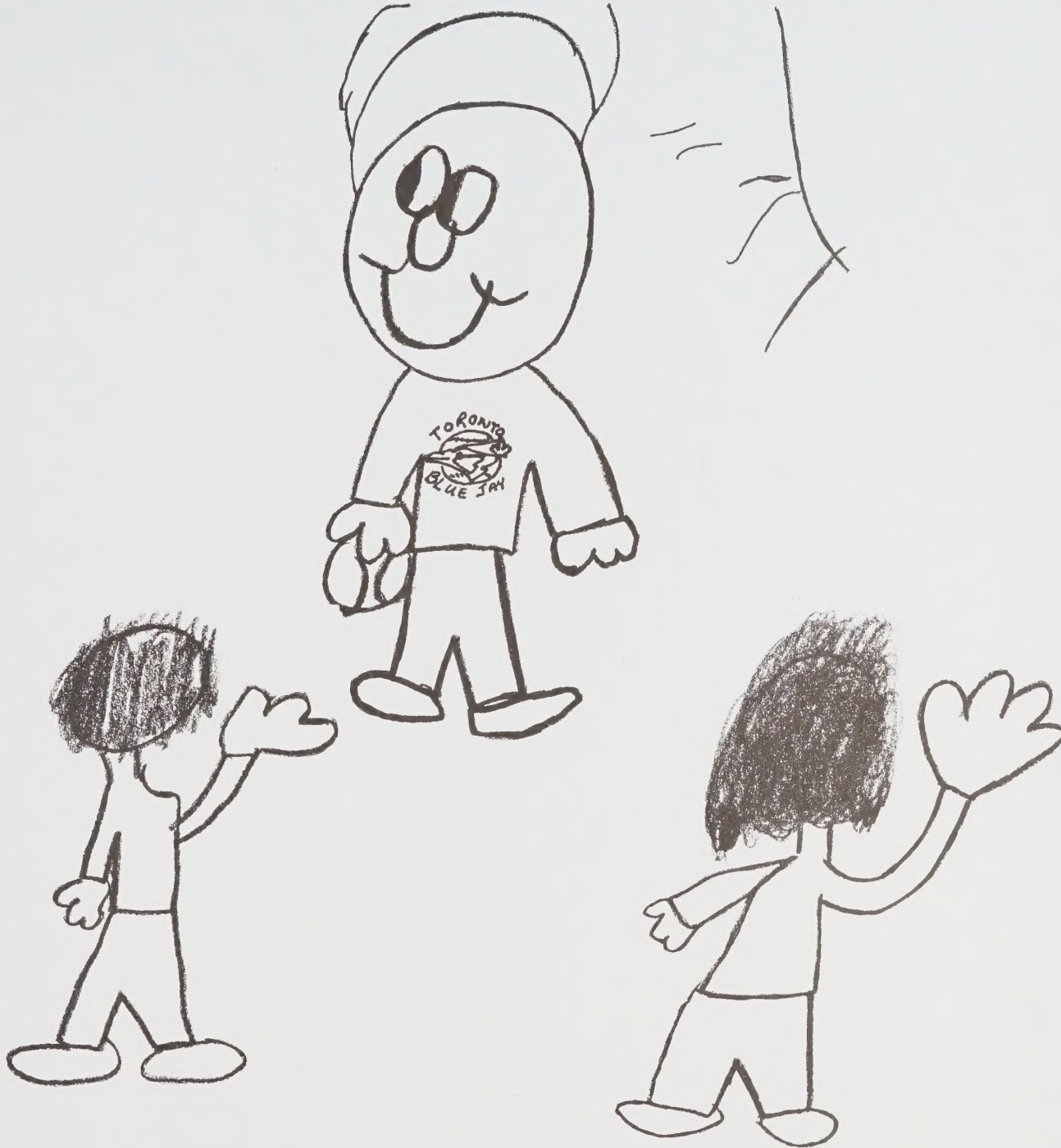
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homeruns, and he is helping many girls and boys

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become baseball players.

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The end .



